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THIRD ANNUAL CONGRESS

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Baltimore Hotel

Kansas City, Missouri

November 16-20, 1930.

INTRODUCTION

The Third Annual Congress of Future Farmers of America was held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 16 to 20, inclusive. Attendance at this national event included delegates from thirty-six State associations of Future Farmers of America. There were also State advisors, State directors and State supervisors of agricultural education, as well as teacher-trainers present from twenty-four different States, not to mention numerous visiting Future Farmers of America. It was impossible to include complete lists of all in attendance in these minutes.

Only the proceedings of the general F. F. A. meetings will be found in this report, which in many instances had to be briefed to avoid lengthy material which could not be included. Both the notes taken by Paul Zillman, Student-Secretary, and those of the Executive Secretary were used in compiling the complete minutes for the Congress.

PROGRAM

Sunday, November 16th

2 p.m. Executive session of 1929-30 National Board of Trustees, Baltimore Hotel. Appointment of committees.

Monday, November 17th

2 p.m. Meeting of State advisers.

7:30 p.m. Public Speaking Contest, Shrine Temple, called to order by President of the F. F. A.
Music by Marion County (Ohio) Future Farmer Band.

7:55 p.m. to 9 p.m. Broadcasting of National Future Farmer Public Speaking Contest over the Columbia Network.
John F. Case in charge of program.

Tuesday, November 18th

8 a.m. Meeting Future Farmers of America, Baltimore Hotel:
1. Call to order. Wade Turner, President.
2. Report of Credentials Committee.
3. Nominations for American Farmer Degree by C. H. Lane, National Adviser, and one-minute response by each candidate.
4. Report of work in States.

1:30 p.m. Meeting Future Farmers of America, Baltimore Hotel:
1. Report of Committee on Administrative Relationships of the F.F.A. William Kerr, Idaho.
2. New business.
3. Addresses by sponsors of Future Farmer contest.
4. Election of American Farmers.

6 p.m. Buffet supper, Shrine Temple.

8 p.m. Parade in Arena and radio broadcasting of winner of Kansas City Star and Farm Journal Contests. Horse Show.

Wednesday, November 19th

8 a.m. Sight-seeing tour. Committee work.

1:30 p.m. Meeting Future Farmers of America, Baltimore Hotel:
1. Report of work in States concluded.
2. Report of Executive Secretary, year 1929-30.
3. Report of Committee on Program of Work.
4. Report of Auditing Committee.
5. Report of Committee on Constitution.
6. Report of Nominating Committee.
7. Report of Insignia Committee.
8. Address by President.
9. Election of national officers.

6:30 p.m. Banquet for teams, coaches, F.F.A. delegates, and guests. Award of judging prizes.

Thursday, November 20th.

9 a.m. Executive Session, 1930-31, Bd. Trustees, Baltimore Hotel.

OFFICIAL F. F. A. STATE DELEGATE LIST

1. Alabama - Harvey Milligan; D. L. Smith.
2. Arkansas- Raymond Shores; Chas. Hunt.
3. Arizona - Howard Lydic; Oliver Smith.
4. California - C. Pelissier; A. Bathhurst.
5. Florida - Gray Miley; Woodrow Osteen.
6. Georgia - Willard Henry; Roy Quiary.
7. Idaho - Cless Glouding; Maurice Crapo.
8. Illinois - Randall Hart; Ivan Hieser.
9. Indiana - Wm. Showalter; Wm. Haase.
10. Iowa - James Knepp; Darwin Reichling.
11. Kansas - Byron Brownell; Lewis Evans.
12. Kentucky - Lee Gather; Joseph Heady.
13. Louisiana - Joseph Escude , Jr.
14. Maryland - Gordon Umstead.
15. Michigan - Lewis Taylor; Chas. Gill.
16. Missouri - Leslie Fry; Oscar Clauser.
17. Nebraska - John Martin; Eugene Henderson.
18. Nevada - Jimmy Jensen; Cornell Stewart.
19. New Jersey - Albert Fox; Earl Losey.
20. New Mexico - Carl Emiger ; John Russell.
21. New York - Olin Spencer; Wm. Rothfuss.
22. North Carolina - Charlie Thomas; Hebert Greig.
23. North Dakota - George Lee; Sigurd Melstead.
24. Ohio - Ralph Bender; Lowell Slagle.
25. Oklahoma - Clinton McCarty; Ephriam Wall.
26. Oregon - Richard Carter; Hersel Peyree.
27. Pennsylvania - Malcolm Wilkins; Chas. Elliott.
28. S. Carolina - Wylie Carpenter; Reid Ellis.
29. S. Dakota - Barth Marker; Alvin Hauger.
30. Tennessee - Frank Fox; Thomas Chatham.
31. Texas - Miller Roades; Howard Strother.
32. Utah - Milton Anderson; Robert Jones.
33. Virginia - Wm. Buchanan; Joe Henry Gardner.
34. W. Virginia - Fred Ashburn; Russell Hartley.
35. Wisconsin - Gerald Klein; Lyle Knopse
36. Wyoming - Ed Shaulis; Bruce Murray.

NATIONAL AND STATE VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE WORKERS PRESENT AT THE CONGRESS

Dr. C. H. Lane,	Federal Board for Vocational Education,	Washington, D.C.
J. A. Linke,	" " " " " "	"
R. D. Maltby,	" " " " " "	"
A. P. Williams,	" " " " " "	"
W. A. Ross,	" " " " " "	"
R. B. Smith,	Supervisor, Agricultural Education,	Arkansas.
J. F. Williams, Jr.,	" " " " ,	Florida.
M. D. Mobley,	" " " " ,	Georgia.
Wm. Kerr,	Director of Vocational Education,	Idaho.
J. E. Hill,	Supervisor, Agricultural Education,	Illinois.
H. R. Damisch,	" " "	"
L. B. Pollom,	" " "	Kansas.
A.P. Davidson,	Teacher Trainer,	"
F.G. Burd,	Supervisor, Agricultural Education,	Kentucky.
J. E. Border,	Supervisor, " "	Montana.
E. E. Gallup,	" " "	Michigan.
Geo. W.Reavis,	State Director,	Missouri.
Guy E. James,	" "	"
C.L. Angerer,	" "	"
Sherman Dickinson,	Teacher Trainer,	"
Leroy Clements,	Supervisor, Agricultural Education,	Nebraska.
H. C. Sampson,	" " "	New Jersey.
Frank Wimberly,	" " "	New Mexico.
A.K. Getman,	" " "	New York.
Roy Thomas,	" " "	N. Carolina.
Ray Fife,	" " "	Ohio.
R. A. Howard,	" " "	"
E. B. Nelms,	Supervisor, Agricultural Education,	Oklahoma.
Earl Cooley,	" " "	Oregon.
H.C. Fetterolf,	" " "	Pennsylvania.
D. M. Clements,	" " "	Tennessee.
J. B. Rutland,	" " "	Texas.
E. R. Alexander,	Teacher Trainer,	"
Henry Groseclose,	" "	Virginia.
Roy Olney,	" "	W. Virginia.

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C O N G R E S S P R O C E E D I N G S

General Meeting of the Future Farmers of America,
8 a. m., Tuesday, November 18.

The meeting was called to order by the national president, Wade Turner, of North Carolina. The regular F. F. A. ceremony was used. The officials were seated on a stage, each under his proper emblem, the flag, the owl, the plow, the ear of corn, the rising sun, and the picture of Washington. This modification of the regular room arrangement was made necessary on account of the meeting conditions. Officers present besides the President were Vice-President Gray Miley of Florida; Student-Secretary Paul Zillman, Missouri; National Advisor C. H. Lane, Washington, D. C.; Treasurer, Henry Groseclose of Virginia; Acting Ex-Secretary, W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C.

The first item of business was the report of the credentials committee and a roll-call showed 55 delegates present. The delegates were seated to the front and centre of the room and all visitors were seated toward the back and to the sides of the room.

Dr. C. H. Lane, the National Advisor, asked for the privilege of making a short presentation address prior to his making the nominations for the American Farmer degree. Dr. Lane then presented a gavel to the Future Farmer of America organization which had been made from a piece of European cork maple obtained from the United States Capitol grounds, by Dr. J. C. Wright, Director of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. Dr. Lane explained that the gavel had been turned out by "Dad" Williams, Chief Engineer at the Federal Board building in Washington, and the annual rings denoting the age of the tree from which the wood was taken corresponded with the 81 years of "Dad" Williams' life. Dr. Lane then gave a few brief but interesting remarks concerning the life of the maker of the gavel. President Wade Turner accepted the gift in the name of the organization and explained that it was to be passed from one president to the other at each Annual Congress of the F. F. A. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the gavel be accepted and that an expression of thanks be sent by the executive secretary to "Dad" Williams for his splendid historical gift.

A resolution indorsing the 1932 nation-wide observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington was read by the Executive-Secretary and passed unanimously by the delegates present.

The first main item of business was the nomination of "American Farmers." The following individual's records had been passed upon by the National Board of Trustees and were recommended by Dr. Lane as those most worthy of receiving the honor of American Farmer:

1. Raymond Shores, Rogers, Arkansas.
2. Charles Hunt, Dardanelle, "
3. E. Solomon, Uriah, Alabama.
4. Charles Bowman, Modesta, California.
5. John Tate, Ontario, California.
6. Lawrence Bixler, Tulare, California.
7. Philip Gilbert, Lamar, Colorado.
8. Woodrow Osteen, Aullia, Florida.
9. Billie Bowdoin, Statham, Georgia.
10. Willard Henry, Sale City, "
11. Wilson Bryant, Waverly, Illinois.
12. Elmer Searles, Jerseyville, Illinois.
13. Edward Dumphy, Amboy, "
14. Homer Edwards, Antioch, "
15. William C. Haase, Martinsville, Indiana.
16. William Wright, Stewart, Iowa.
17. Lewis Evans, Washington, Kansas.
18. Leslie Fry, Louisiana, Missouri.
19. Norman Jones, Maryville, "
20. Leonard Eliason, Powell, Montana.
21. Waldo R. Penner, Beatrice, Nebraska.
22. James Baldwin, Churchill, Nevada.
23. David Johnson, Lambertville, New Jersey. (Star American Farmer)
24. William Rothfuss, Webster, New York.
25. Olin Spencer, Homer, New York.
26. Norman Corriher, Rowan Co., North Carolina.
27. Walter Davis, Lattimore, " "
28. Charlie Thomas, Troy, " "
29. Ralph Bender, Waldo, Ohio.
30. Harold Miranda, Georgetown, Ohio.
31. Elmo Spring, Hilliards, Ohio.
32. Herbert J. Gumper, Guyman, Oklahoma.
33. Cloyce Oakley, Helena "
34. James Neal, Silvertown, Oregon.
35. Malcolm Wilkins, Troy, Pennsylvania.
36. Burdette Sheldon, Brookings, South Dakota.
37. Frank Piper, Collierville, Tennessee.
38. Everette Bates, Polk Co., "

.×39. Lawrence Miller, Washington College, Tenn.
.×40. William Newsom, Bellevue, Tenn.
.×41. Lacy Baker, Dilley, Texas.
.×42. H. R. Wright, " "
.×43. Elmer Ward, Willard, Utah.
.×44. Joe Henry Gardner, Holland, Virginia.
.×45. Dorsey Carrier, Strassburg, "
.×46. William Buchanan, Chatham Hill, "
.×47. Fred Ashburn, Masontown, W. Virginia.
.×48. Arthur Macy, Pine Bluff, Wyoming.
.×49. Orin Tuntland, Benson Co., North Dakota.

Instead of reading the records of the candidates, mimeographed briefs of the candidate's records were handed out by Dr. Lane to the delegates. These briefs had been prepared from the applications submitted and gave a real picture of the accomplishments of those aspiring to the honor of the American Farmer. Each candidate made a one-minute acceptance speech as his name was read.

After the candidates for American Farmers had been nominated from the active membership the National Advisor stated that five names had been proposed for the degree of Honorary American Farmer. He stated that each individual had done something notable to advance the cause of vocational education in agriculture and the F. F. A. movement. Those nominated for the Honorary American Farmer degree were as follows:

1.Hon. Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.
2.W. J. Schilling, Member of the Farm Board, Washington, D. C.
3. Senator Arthur Capper of Topeka, Kansas.
4. Captain W. J. Stannard, U. S. Army Band, Washington, D. C.
5. W. A. Cochel, Managing Editor, Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Mo.

It should be noted here that Senator Capper is the sponsor of the F. F. A. Public Speaking Contest, Captain Stannard is the composer of the F. F. A. March, and that Mr. Cochel is the sponsor of the Star American Farmer Contest.

It was moved, seconded and carried that voting on the "American Farmer" candidates be deferred until afternoon.

Following the nominations for American Farmer the series of reports of the F. F. A. work in the States was given by one of the delegates from each of the States represented. These reports gave a birdseye view of the accomplishments in the organization throughout the country. It showed clearly that progress was being made and that the aims and objectives of the F. F. A. are being carried out in the States where the F. F. A. is organized. The following States reported:

1. Alabama
2. Arkansas
3. Arizona
4. California
5. Florida
6. Georgia
7. Idaho
8. Illinois
9. Indiana
10. Iowa
11. Kansas
12. Kentucky
13. Louisiana
14. Maryland
15. Michigan
16. Missouri
17. Nebraska
18. New Jersey
19. New Mexico
20. New York
21. North Carolina
22. North Dakota
23. Ohio
24. Oklahoma
25. Oregon
26. Pennsylvania
27. South Carolina
28. South Dakota
29. Tennessee
30. Texas
31. Utah
32. Virginia
33. West Virginia
34. Wisconsin
35. Wyoming
36. Nevada.

The results of 1929-30 State Association Contest were then announced. Virginia was declared the winner and Henry Groseclose of Virginia, State Adviser, received the beautiful national plaque awarded in the name of the F. F. A. by Paul Zillman. States which received honorable mention in this contest were, Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, Oregon, Oklahoma and New Jersey.

The president then asked the Executive-Secretary to explain the situation regarding the Creed of the F. F. A. The facts given proved that no creed had ever been officially adopted by the F. F. A., although two had been used semi-officially. Both creeds were then read for the delegates and by a vote of 39 to 16 the original creed first suggested as the F. F. A. creed in 1928 was adopted as official. The creed follows:

THE FUTURE FARMER CREED

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds -- achievements won by the present and past generations of farmers; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of farm life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I can not deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of organized farmers to serve our own and the public interest in marketing the product of our toil. I believe we can safeguard those rights against practices and policies that are unfair.

- I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so -- for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

President Wade Turner appointed the following committees:

(1) Nominating Committee - Gray Miley, Florida, Chairman.
William Showalter, Indiana.
Ed. Shaulis, Wyoming.
Ralph Bender, Ohio.
Dr. C. H. Lane.

(2) Insignia Committee - Lowell Slagle, Ohio, Chairman.
James Jensen, Nevada.
Wm. Buchanan, Virginia.
Malcolm Wilkins, Pennsylvania.
Dr. C. H. Lane.

(3) Committee on Program of Work - Raymond Shores, Chrman.
Frank Fox, Tennessee.
H. Lydic, Arizona.
Fred Ashburn, W. Virginia.
H.C. Groseclose, Virginia.
Dr. C. H. Lane.

(4) Auditing Committee - Paul Zillman, Missouri, Chairman.
Leslie Fry, Missouri.
A. Bathurst, California.
Randall Hart, Illinois.
H. O. Sampson, New Jersey.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

General Meeting, Tuesday, November 18, 1:30 p. m.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by the President, Wade Turner, and a roll call showed 54 delegates in their places. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Future Farmer March by Captain W. J. Stannard of Washington, D. C., Director of the U. S. Army Band, Washington, D. C., be adopted as the official march of the Future Farmer of America organization, and that Captain Stannard be sent a letter of appreciation by the Executive Secretary.

The next item of business was a report by Mr. William Kerr of Idaho, chairman of the Committee on Administrative Relationships of the F. F. A. Mr. Kerr made a brief statement as to the work of his committee which had culminated in suggestions as to some changes in the constitution of the F. F. A. These constitutional changes were recommended in order to safeguard the organization and to improve the working relationships on F. F. A. matters. Following Mr. Kerr's report the president asked the Executive Secretary to read separately each suggested constitutional change which had been reported by the Board of Trustees. The amendments were proposed in the following order:

That:

(Constitution)

Article III, Section B. Active Membership, be amended to read as follows:

"Any male student who is regularly enrolled in an all-day, day-unit or part-time vocational agriculture class is entitled to active membership in the Future Farmers of America organization upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership for three years after completing his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture."

That:

Article III, Section C, Associate Membership, be amended to read as follows:

"After three years active membership following the completion of his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture a boy automatically becomes an associate member of the Future Farmers of America. Any former male student of vocational agriculture may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting."

That:

Article III, Section D. Honorary Membership, be amended to read as follows:

"Instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, farmers and other men who are helping to advance vocational agriculture may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting."

That:

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Article lV. - Membership Grades and Privileges, Section E, be amended to read as follows:

"Hold the degree of "State Farmer" in the school year previous to the National Congress at which nominated for the degree of American Farmer."

That:

Article V - Officers, Section A, be amended to read as follows:

"The officers of the National organization shall be a president, four vice-presidents (one from each administrative region of the United States), secretary, executive secretary, treasurer, and an adviser. These officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices and shall constitute the Board of trustees of the national organization. They shall have full authority and control over the organization, subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the National organization of Future Farmers of America. The officers of the national organization shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at the National Congress of Future Farmers of America, except that the National Adviser shall be the Chief of the Agricultural Education Service of the Federal Board for Vocational Education and the executive-secretary shall be a member of that service. Each State is entitled to two delegates to the National Congress."

(By-Laws)

That:

By Law I, Section D, be amended to read as follows:

"D. The Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary shall act as agent of the the National Board of Trustees. He shall issue charters to States when ordered to do so by the Board and shall act as publicity agent for the organization. He shall keep the permanent records of the organization and have records of the membership and progress of the organization. He shall receive all reports from the State organization and inform the National Board of Trustees of any proceedings which appear to be in conflict with the provisions of the National Constitution. He shall submit a budget of proposed expenditures to the Board of Trustees annually. He shall be in charge of arrangements for the annual meeting of the Congress and may perform such other duties as may pertain to the furtherance of the organization."

That in:

By Law I, Section G be added to read as follows:

"G. The Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds of the organization, collect State dues, keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits and disbursements, making an annual report on such matters to the National Congress and such other supplementary reports as may be directed by the Board of Trustees. He shall pay out of the Treasury such funds as are ordered paid by the Board of Trustees on checks countersigned by the President. He shall furnish the auditing committee with an annual bank statement signed by an officer of the bank in which the funds are kept. He shall furnish a suitable bond, the amount to be fixed by the Board of Trustees."

That:

By Law VI be added to read as follows:

"VI - National Advisory Council.

There shall be a National Advisory Council of the Future Farmers of America composed of four State supervisors of Agricultural Education (one from each administrative region elected annually at the Regional conference) and the National Adviser who shall act as chairman of the Council.

This Advisory Council shall cooperate with and serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America on the administrative direction and leadership of the organization.

The Advisory Council shall possess the power of approval at all times of the actions of the Board of Trustees and delegates to the National Congress."

Each proposed amendment was voted on separately and in every instance it was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed to incorporate these amendments in the F. F. A. constitution.

After the amendments to the constitution had been disposed of the question of the use of F. F. A. insignia was brought up and discussed for a short time. This matter was finally referred to the Insignia Committee.

The president pointed out that the contract with the L. G. Balfour Company expired this year and it would be necessary to decide whether or not the contract was to be renewed for another two years, or whether other arrangements for F. F. A. jewelry would be made. It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter be referred to the Committee on Insignia.

The matter of an official F. F. A. uniform was presented at this time. A representative of the Pool Manufacturing Company of Sherman, Texas, displayed a dark blue shirt, trousers and cap with a yellow tie. Considerable discussion followed both for and against the adoption of an official uniform. It was finally moved, seconded and carried that this matter be referred to the Insignia Committee.

The matter of collegiate chapters of F. F. A. was brought up and discussed. It was pointed out that the purpose of collegiate chapters was to offer training to prospective teachers of vocational agriculture trainees and that they would simply be established as associate chapters rather than regularly chartered chapters. It was further pointed out that trainees in vocational agriculture must be familiarized with the F. F. A., its aims and activities, if they are going to be successful as advisers when they became teachers. The delegates were in favor of establishing such chapters. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board of Trustees of the F. F. A. be authorized to formulate a plan for the organization of collegiate chapters of F. F. A. and for the carrying on of such training in accordance with the rules and regulations of the F. F. A. organization.

The question of the scholarship grade of American Farmer candidates was brought up and the Executive Secretary pointed out that the matter of a minimum scholarship grade for American Farmers was in the hands of the States and was governed by the provisions of the various State constitutions. He further pointed out that the F. F. A. constitution, (National), set no minimum scholarship grade to be attained by those elected to the "American Farmer" degree. He also stated, however, that scholarship should be stressed and that no one should be nominated for the degree of American Farmer who does not meet the qualifications set up in the State Constitution and who does not have a creditable scholarship record. (85 or above).

President Turner announced at this time an F. F. A. song contest. He explained that no song had yet been adopted as official F. F. A. song and although several songs had been composed and were being used that the Board of Trustees had recommended that an F. F. A. song contest be instituted. The recommendation to the effect that "$150 be made a capital prize for an F. F. A. song if adopted by the National Congress." It was understood that the contest was to be open to the world and that rules concerning the contest were to be formulated by the Executive Secretary and sent out to the various States. It was moved, seconded and carried that the song contest be conducted.

The question was then raised concerning unsuccessful candidates for the Star Farmer this year being able to compete again next year. After a short discussion it was moved and seconded that the constitution be amended so that candidates for the Star Farmer degree this year who were not successful be allowed to compete next year. The motion was lost.

State Adviser H. O. Sampson of New Jersey, presented Dr. Lane's "Message to Chapter Presidents" in pamphlet form and commented upon it. Copies of this message which had been printed by the Agricultural Education Magazine were distributed to those present.

The next item on the program for the afternoon was short addresses by sponsors of Future Farmer contests. When President Turner called upon the sponsors he found only one of them present. Mr. Kirkpatrick of the Farm Journal came forward and gave a few words of encouragement and congratulations to the F. F. A.'s over the country. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the Farm Journal was very interested in the F. F. A. Chapter Contest which they had conducted for 2 years and that the results this year showed improvement over the previous.

The time had now arrived for taking the vote on American Farmer candidates whose names had been submitted and whose briefs of accomplishment had been reviewed by the delegates following their distribution in the morning session. President Turner stated that the vote was ready to be taken and entertained a motion to the effect that the candidates be voted on all at the same time. It was moved, seconded and carried that the 49 active members who had been nominated in the morning by Dr. Lane be accepted along with the five honorary American Farmers whose names had also been presented at that time. Immediately following the passing of this motion the officers proceeded with the raising of "American Farmer" candidates, using a ceremony which had been prepared for the purpose. Twenty-six candidates lined before the national officers and received their keys. None of the "Honorary American Farmers" were present. It was announced that the "American Farmers" who were elected but who were unable to be present for the raising ceremony would receive their keys by mail.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

General Meeting, Wednesday, November 19, 1:30 p.m.

(The entire morning was given over to committee work and consequently no regular session was called until afternoon, in order to allow ample time for all committees to do justice to their reports).

Meeting opened with a roll call of delegates by the student secretary.

Copies of the Kansas City Star containing notice of the contest awards were distributed to all who were present.

The first main order of business of the afternoon was the Treasurer's report, along with that of the Executive-Secretary. Mr. Groseclose made both of these reports, copies of which are attached to these minutes.

The acting Executive-Secretary, Mr. Ross, was absent from this meeting due to being called away from the city and was unable to present his report as acting Executive Secretary from July 1, 1930, to the time of the Congress.

Following the Executive-Secretary's report the matter of dues was presented and discussed. It was moved, seconded and carried that the national dues in the F. F. A. organization remain at 10 cents per member for the 1930-31 year.

Mrs. Adams, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Wildflower Preservation Society, gave a short talk on wild flowers, after which the reports of the various committees were presented and acted upon by the delegates present.

Raymond Shores, chairman of the Committee on Program of Work, presented the report for his committee and it was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

Paul Zillman, chairman of the Auditing Committee, reported the findings of his committee, and it was moved, seconded and carried that this report be accepted.

The Insignia Committee, of which Lowell Slagle of Ohio was chairman, gave a report which was accepted, but included the appointment of a committee to design a convention uniform and to improve the other suggested F. F. A. uniforms.

Adviser Alexander of Texas made an announcement of the F. F. A. program over WFAA, Dallas, Texas.

President Turner who was nearing the end of his term as national president of the F. F. A., then made a few remarks as the outgoing president, after which he called for a report of the nominating committee. The following nominations for national officers were made by this committee:

President - Leslie Fry, Louisiana, Missouri.
1st Vice-Pres. - Arthur Macy, Pine Bluffs, Wyoming.
2nd " " - Joe Henry Gardner, Holland, Va.
3rd " " - Wm. Showalter, Mishawaka, Indiana.
4th " " - Ralph Bender, Waldo, Ohio.
Student Secretary - Malcolm Wilkins, Troy, Pennsylvania.
Treasurer - H. C. Groseclose, Blacksburg, Va.
Executive Sec., - W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C.
Adviser - Dr. C. H. Lane, Washington, D. C.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted. The ballot was closed and it was unanimously decided to vote on all candidates at once, whereupon it was moved, seconded, and carried that the nominees selected by the committee be declared elected.

The meeting was then turned over to the newly elected officers, but there being no further business the motion to adjourn was declared in order and the 3rd Annual Congress of Future Farmers of America was formally closed at 4:30 p.m.

REPORTS ADOPTED, RESOLUTIONS PASSED AND CONTEST RESULTS.

I. Report of Committee on Program of Work.

The committee has set the following goals to be accomplished by the National Chapter of F. F. A. during the school year 1930-31.

1. Encourage and help unorganized and recently organized States perfect State organizations.

2. Have every State in the Union become affiliated with the National organization of F. F. A. and charters be granted to them.

3. Encourage and promote a National Public Speaking Contest at the Annual Congress of Future Farmers.

4. Encourage and foster National Judging Contests, such as dairy, fat stock, poultry, fruit, and grain.

5. Encourage each State to publish a periodical and exchange these with other States. These should be published at least quarterly.

6. Provide through the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students larger opportunities for the development of leadership and for giving national recognition to the outstanding achievements of the Future Farmers of the different States according to the qualifications set up in the constitution.

7. Have at least 85% of State Associations with thrift clubs.

8. Provide, through the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students, awards and prizes to be awarded at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show for work in vocational agriculture.

9. Encourage and foster within the State, interscholastic athletic contests.

10. Revise and reprint the Future Farmer Manual.

11. Encourage each State to stage cooperative movements among its local chapters. (Buy, sell or ship).

12. Encourage all the State Associations to have State exhibits at the different National Judging contests, and American Royal Livestock and Horse Show.

13. Each State should provide some State-wide recreational activity. (Camp, banquet, farm tours, and the like.)

14. Have each State Association foster a movement whereby all vocational agriculture students make it their duty to help better the conditions around the farm and make life easier and more enjoyable for the mothers of Future Farmers.

15. Have at least 75 outstanding candidates for the American Farmer degree from the various States at the Fourth Annual Congress in November 1931.

16. Finance the sending of the winning judging team at the American Royal to the Royal Livestock Show in London in 1931.

17. Provide for a suitable trip (Carribean, Havana, etc.) for the star American Farmer, the winner of the public speaking contest and the adviser who wins the State organization contest.

18. Conduct a "Future Farmer Song" contest and provide a suitable reward for the winner of the contest.

19. Have 100% of State associations represented at the fourth Annual Congress.

20. Have 100% of the delegations to the Fourth Annual Congress in uniform.

(Signed) Chairman, Raymond Shores.

II. Report of Insignia Committee.

1. We recommend the renewal of the contract with the L. G. Balfour Company for Insignia.

2. We recommend that the purchase of a Gold Filled Key be left optional with the State Supervisors.

3. We recommend the adoption of the standard belt buckle.

4. We recommend the use of plaques for State contests.

5. We recommend the use of a watch fob.

1. We recommend the use of a uniform which has been presented by the Pool Manufacturing Company.

   Our recommendations for this uniform to be used at State camps and at F. F. A. shows.

We have secured a contract with the Pool Manufacturing Company which will give them rights to manufacture all suits made for the F. F. A. organization. More complete information can be gotten from contract if you care to read the contract.

We have adopted standard emblems from the Beverley Manufacturing Company and all emblems must have the official Future Farmers of America seal.

Large Banner, pennants, arm bands, sweater emblems, caps, all to have the "Future Farmers of America" seal, which is standard and can be used by no one else and no other company will be allowed

to use or manufacture the above stated for the F. F. A. organization.

We recommend the use of markers manufactured by the St. Louis Button Mfg. Company.

We also do not care to have this seal used upon vanities, necklaces or automobile tire covers.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) C. Lowell Slagle, Chairman.

III. Report of Auditing Committee.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the report of the Treasurer, and find it satisfactory in every way, according to the mimeograph statement submitted.

(Signed) Paul Zillman, Chairman.

IV. Report of the Executive Secretary,(1929-30)

Again it is a pleasure to come before you in national convention assembled and render a report of the progress of this wonderful organization of ours.

The first portion of this report will deal primarily with the program of work set up here last year and the amount of work accomplished on each of the objectives.

Objective 1. - Encourage and help unorganized and recently organized States perfect State organizations.

Accomplishment - Nine States received material assistance in organization during the year.

Objective 2. - Have every State in the Union become affiliated with the National Chapter of F. F. A. and charters be granted to them.

Accomplishment - At the present time the following States have not yet affiliated themselves with the national organization:

Massachusetts
Mississippi
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
Vermont.

Objective 3. - Encourage and promote a national oratorical contest at the annual congress of Future Farmers.

Accomplishment - A large number of States staged local and State public speaking contests during the year. The winners of these State contests were brought together in four regional contests. The winners at these regional contests have come together here at Kansas City and the first national public speaking contest for Future Farmers is now a matter of history.

Objective 4. - Encourage and foster national judging contests, such as dairy, fat stock, poultry, fruit and grain.

Accomplishment - 32 teams represented 32 States at the National Dairy Exposition at Saint Louis this year. We are in the midst of another great livestock show here at Kansas City with 32 teams competing. I think we can safely say that this objective has been reached.

Objective 5. - Encourage State to publish a periodical and exchange these with other States. These should be published at least quarterly.

Accomplishment - The available records show that seventeen State organizations published Future Farmer periodicals. Some of these magazines are the work of the Future Farmers, themselves without any assistance on the part of the supervisory and teacher training staff. Some very creditable work is being done along this line.

Objective 6. - Work out a ritual for use in local, State and national chapters, and have the Executive Secretary send such information out.

Objective 7. - Provide through the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural students larger opportunities for the development of leadership and for giving national recognition to the outstanding achievements of the Future Farmers of the different States according to the qualifications set up in the constitution.

Accomplishment - Thanks to the careful plans made by Dr. Lane and his staff and the co-operation of Mr. Cuff and others here at Kansas City, I think I am safe in saying that this objective has been reached.

Objective 8. - Have at least 85% of State chapters with thrift clubs.

Accomplishment - 27 % of State chapters report 428 thrift clubs with savings of $310,512.65 investments in farming of $1,462,108.31 and other investments of $284,726.78. The total savings and investments of the Future Farmers of America according to the annual reports received from State chapters this year amounts to $2,057,361.04.

Objective 9. - Provide, through the National Congress of Vocational Agricultural Students, awards, and prizes to be awarded at the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show for work in vocational agriculture.

Accomplishment - We shall, in all probability, hear more about the accomplishment of this objective on Wednesday night at the banquet.

Objective 10. - Encourage and foster within the State chapters interscholastic athletic contests.

Accomplishment - * Chapters report State athletic contests at the time of the annual convention or during the time that the boys are attending State camps. These athletic contests consist of track meets, basket ball tournaments and the like.

Objective 11. - Publish a national handbook.

Accomplishment - The Manual of the Future Farmers of America has been made up as requested by those of you who were here last year. It has been published by the Farm Journal Press at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Four thousand, eight hundred and seventeen copies have been sold. The supply of the first edition has been exhausted and there is a considerable

*no record

demand for revision and the printing of a second edition.

Objective 12. - Encourage each State to stage co-operative movements among its local chapters.

Accomplishment - * States report the following cooperative buying and selling movements.

Objective 13. - Encourage all the State chapters to have State exhibits at the different National Judging contests, and American Royal Livestock and Horse Show.

Accomplishment - This objective being number thirteen seems to be somewhat unlucky or has been largely overlooked.

Objective 14. - Each State should provide some State-wide recreational activity.

Accomplishment - * States report recreational activities as follows:

Objective 15. - Have each State chapter foster a movement whereby all vocational agriculture students made it their duty to help better the conditions around the farm.

Accomplishment - The annual reports for this year show *

Objective 16. - Have at least 50 candidates for the American Farmer degree from the various States at the third annual congress in November, 1930.

Accomplishment - 49 candidates for the American Farmer degree are present at the third annual congress.

*No accurate record

In addition to the amount of work that was set up in the program of work for the year the Future Farmers have been accomplishing other things. The membership in the organization has grown tremendously. Last year at this time I had received reports that indicated a membership of only one thousand, one hundred and eighteen. However, only about 55% of the States reported last year. My treasurer's report this year shows a membership of 40,064. You will remember that we set our goal as forty thousand members this year. This goal has been reached. The bill to grant a federal charter to the Future Farmers of America was passed by the Senate last year and stood a good chance of becoming a law by act of the House of Representatives when Congress adjourned in June. We have the assurance of several Congressmen that this Bill will be passed in December.

A budget of $4100.00 was provided for carrying on the work of the national organization for the year 1929-30. Starting the year with a balance of $1,253.56, expenditures were made according to the budget, amounting to $4,000.23, and with all bills paid our balance at bank at present is $1,667.16, the net gain of $413.60 over operating expenses.

This includes expenditures that were not anticipated last year, such as the $500.00 for the Marion County Future Farmer Band.

Most of you know that I am no longer Executive Secretary of your organization. In making this last report of the Executive Secretary I want to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the splendid spirit of cooperation and good fellowship that has existed between that office and the offices of the State advisers, the national adviser, the national officers and many of the local chapters. It has been a pleasure to serve you and to be associated in a national way with the outstanding rural leaders of America. I want you to know that all of you will always have a warm friend in Henry Groseclose.

(Signed) Henry Groseclose,
Ex-Secretary.

V. Annual Report of the Treasurer.

Receipts:

10 charter fees @ $5.00----------	$	50.00
National dues paid, Nov. 13, 1929-Nov.13,1930,		3,809.35
5% refund from dealers ----------		512.59
Miscellaneous:		
Sale of cuts, manuals,minutes ----------		36.89
Balance carried over from last year --------		1,253.56
Total	$	5,662.39

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Expenditures:

Salaries:		
Executive Secretary-Treasurer ----------		2,000.00
Stenographer ----------		390.00
Travel:		
National officers ----------		635.57
Office:-		
Stamps, stationery, printing, telegrams, telephone, etc.----------		144.52
Office equipment (part on mimeograph)-----		100.00
Handbook:		
Mimeo Supplies, etc. ----------		65.18
Miscellaneous:		
Photos, emblems, cuts, music, programs, etc.		159.96
Advanced Dr. Fife for Marion County Future Farmer Band ----------		500.00
Balance on hand in bank ----------		1,667.16
Total----------	$	5,662.39

Signed, Henry C. Groseclose,
Treasurer.

VI. Dues Paid by States to the Future Farmers of America.

November 13, 1929---November 13, 1930.

(Including $197.10, 1929-1930 dues paid prior to Nov. 13,1929)

Arkansas	$174.30
Alabama	124.40
Arizona	19.90
California	208.50
Colorado	67.80
Connecticut	(Chartered)
Delaware	(Chartered)
Florida	65.30
Georgia	36.60
Hawaii	27.10
Idaho	78.10
Illinois	301.40
Indiana	28.20
Iowa	29.50
Kansas	39.40
Kentucky	7.00
Louisiana	40.00
Maine	(Chartered)
Maryland	33.15
Massachusetts	
Michigan	82.20
Minnesota	(Chartered)
Mississippi	
Missouri	122.10
Montana	44.30
Nebraska	57.20
Nevada	11.00
New Hampshire	
New Jersey	25.00
New Mexico	27.50
New York	181.30
North Carolina	260.70
North Dakota	19.50
Ohio	231.70
Oklahoma	169.40
Oregon	74.60
Pennsylvania	79.20
Rhode Island	
South Carolina	133.00
South Dakota	(Chartered)
Tennessee	343.80
Texas	230.00
Utah	56.90
Vermont	

VI. Dues paid by States to the Future Farmers of America. (continued)

Virginia	$297.90
Washington	46.40
West Virginia	52.40
Wisconsin	115.00
Wyoming	64.70
Total	$4006.45

VII. Resolution Concerning Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, 1932.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has created a Commission to arrange a fitting nation-wide observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington in 1932, and

WHEREAS, The Commission so created, composed of the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, four members of the United States Senate, four members of the House of Representatives, and eight citizens appointed by the President of the United States, is charged with the duty of planning and directing the celebration, and

WHEREAS, The high purpose of the event is to commemorate the life, character and achievements of the most illustrious citizen of our Republic and to give every man, woman and child living under the Stars and Stripes an opportunity to take part in the celebration which will be outstanding in the world's history, and

WHEREAS, The George Washington Bicentennial Commission, desiring the full cooperation of the people in the United States has extended a most cordial and urgent invitation to our organization to participate in the celebration, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Future Farmers of America does hereby endorse the program of observance of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, to take place in 1932; accept with appreciation, the invitation of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, and pledge this organization to extend earnest cooperation to the United States Commission in all possible ways, so that future generations of American citizens may be inspired to live according to the example and precepts of Washington's exalted life and character, and thus perpetuate the American Republic, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be incorporated in the official proceeding of this meeting and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington, D. C.

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VIII. Results of the 1930 State Association Contest.

First Place - Virginia; Prize, National F.F.A. Plaque.

Honorable Mention to Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, Oregon, Oklahoma, New Jersey.

Outstanding accomplishments in Virginia's report:

118 all-day departments and 112 F.F.A. Chapters
(increase of 24.4% in Chapters)
Active memberships -2,978 (15.4 increase)
All dues paid - $297.80
Associate members - 112.
Honorary members - 201
American Farmers - 6
State Farmers - 88
Green Hand initiated - 1,389
220 delegates present at State Convention
86 Chapters conducting thrift banks.
$100,402.71 on deposit by members in thrift bank.
$216,697.32 actually invested in farming by members.
$340,253.41 total savings and investments by members.
F.F.A. Magazine published 6 times a year, having a circulation of 3,500.
State F.F.A. exhibits set up at 9 District Fairs.
Attendance at State Convention - 220 delegates and total of 794 persons.

IX. Results of the 1930 Public Speaking Contest.

Contestant's Name	Address	Prize
1. Edward Drace	Keyetesville, Mo.	$500.00
2. Bill Smith	Mt. Zion, Ga.	400.00
3. Robt. Jones	Hooper, Utah	300.00
4. David Warfield	Muddy Creek Forks, Pa.	100.00

X. Results of the 1930 Star American Farmer Contest.

First place, David Johnson, Lambertville, New Jersey, who was declared the "Star American Farmer" and awarded a check for $1,000.00.

The following won titles as "Star State Farmers" and awards are as follows:

State or Section	Winner's Name and Address	Prize
1. Arkansas	Raymond Shores, Rogers High School, Rogers.	$100
2. Colorado	Philip Gilbert, Lamar High School, Lamar	$100
3. Iowa	Wm. Wright, Stuart High School Stuart	$100
4. Nebraska	Waldo R. Penner, Beatrice High School, Beatrice	$100
5. Oklahoma	Herbert J. Gumper, Guyman High School, Guyman	$100
6. Eastern Kansas	(No contestant)	0
7. Western Kansas	(No contestant)	0
8. Kansas	Lewis Evans, Washington High School, Washington	$100
9. Northern Missouri	(No contestant)	0
10. Southern Missouri	(No contestant)	0
11. Missouri	Norman E. Jones, Maryville High School, Maryville	$100

XI. Results of the 1930 Chapter Contest.

1. Danville, Arkansas.
2. Salisbury, Missouri.
3. Maddock, N. D.
4. Foustville, N. Y.
5. Weber Co., Utah.
6. Prospect, Ohio.
7. Kearney, Nebraska.
8. Highland, Maryland.
9. Sale City, Georgia.
10. Hydro, Oklahoma.
11. Floyd, New Mexico.
12. Lamar. Colorado.

Entries by Administrative Regions.

1. Western, 4 chapters.
2. Southern, 13 chapters.
3. North Central, 14 chapters.
4. North Atlantic, 10 chapters.

Total Entries, 41 chapters.